GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:758
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Inter Linking of Rivers of South India
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposed linking of rivers of southern part of the country, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has also constituted a committee to draw modus operandi for linking rivers in Southern part of the country, if so, the details thereof and present status of this proposal;
(c) whether there is any financial constraint being faced by the Government for implementation of this project; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) Under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development through inter basin transfer of water prepared by this Ministry, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports. The pre-feasibility report of the all 30 links have been prepared and circulated to the concerned State Govts. by the NWDA. After survey and investigations Feasibility Reports of 14 links under Peninsular Component in southern part of country have been completed, as per details in the Annexure.

(b) to (d) The Government is pursuing the Interlinking of Rivers program in a consultative manner. Its implementation is dependent upon the consensus and co-operation of the concerned States and upon obtaining various mandatory clearances from Ministry/ Departments of Central and State Governments including statutory clearances. In order to speed up the implementation of Inter-Linking of River Programme and to arrive at a consensus on the link proposals between the States, a 'Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers', has been constituted by this Ministry in September, 2014. Nine meetings of the Special Committee for Interlinking of River (ILR) have been held so far, wherein State Irrigation/ Water Resources Ministers along with the Secretaries of various States attended the meetings. The Committee after considering the views of all the stakeholders is taking all necessary steps for expediting the objectives of interlinking rivers programme as per terms of reference of the Committee.
For providing further impetus and to arrive at a consensus on ILR proposals between the States, a "Task Force and various Sub-Committees for Interlinking of Rivers" have also been constituted. The requirement of funds for this initiative is substantial. Therefore, varied sources of funds will have to be tapped for implementation of ILR Projects. Currently, no financial constraints are envisaged in the implementation of ILR Projects.

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ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 758 due for answer in LokSabha on 21.07.2016 regarding Inter Linking of Rivers of South India.

Sl. No Name States concerned States benefited Status
Peninsular Component
1 Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link Orissa, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, & Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh& Orissa Feasibility Report Completed
2 Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link Orissa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka & Chattisgarh, Telangana& Andhra Pradesh Feasibility Report Completed
3 Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link -do- Telangana Feasibility Report Completed
4 Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link Orissa, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, & Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh Feasibility Report Completed
5 Krishna (Almatti) − Pennar link -do- Andhra Pradesh& Karnataka Feasibility Report Completed
6 Krishna (Srisailam) − Pennar link -do- -- Feasibility Report Completed
7 Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh& Karnataka, -do- Feasibility Report Completed
8 Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala &Puducherry Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu &Puducherry Feasibility Report Completed

9 Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai -Gundar link Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala &Puducherry Tamil Nadu Feasibility Report Completed
10 Ken-Betwa link
a) Ken-Betwa Link Phase-I

b) Ken-Betwa link Phase-II

Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh

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Madhya Pradesh DPR Phase-I completed in April 2010& DPR Phase-II Completed in January 2014.
11 Parbati -Kalisindh- - Chambal link Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh (UP requested to be consulted during consensus building) Madhya Pradesh& Rajasthan Feasibility Report Completed
12 Par-Tapi-Narmada link Maharashtra & Gujarat Gujarat DPR completed in August 2015

13 Damanganga - Pinjal link
(As per DPR) Maharashtra & Gujarat Maharashtra (only water supply to Mumbai) DPR Completed in March 2014.
14 Bedti - Varda link Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka Karnataka Pre-Feasibility Report Completed
15 Netravati − Hemavati link Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Kerala Karnataka Pre-Feasibility Report Completed
16 Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link Kerala & Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Feasibility Report Completed

FR -- Feasibility Report
PFR − Pre feasibility Report
DPR − Detailed Project Report
S&I -- Survey and Investigation
MCM -- Million Cubic Meters